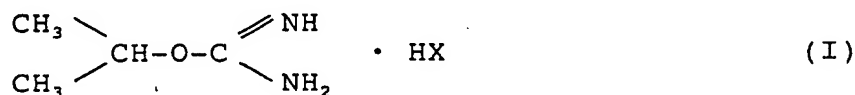


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 6, to read as follows;

1. (Original) O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate or sulfate represented by the formula (I):



wherein X represents HSO<sub>4</sub> or 1/2 SO<sub>4</sub>.

2. (Original) A method for producing O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate comprising reacting cyanamide and isopropyl alcohol in the presence of sulfuric acid.

3. (Original) A method for producing O-isopropyl-isourea sulfate by neutralizing the O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate which is obtained by the method according to claim 2, with an alkali metal hydroxide.

4. (Original) A method for producing O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein a mole ratio of the sulfuric acid to the cyanamide is 0.9 - 1.2 mol based upon 1 mol of the cyanamide.

5. (Original) A method for producing O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein the sulfuric acid is concentrated sulfuric acid.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for producing O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein the concentration of the concentrated sulfuric acid is 95% by weight or more.

7. (Original) A method for producing O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein a mol ratio of cyanamide and isopropyl alcohol is 1:2 to 10.

8. (Original) A method for producing O-isopropyl-isourea hydrogen sulfate as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein the reaction temperature is 0°C - 30°C.